

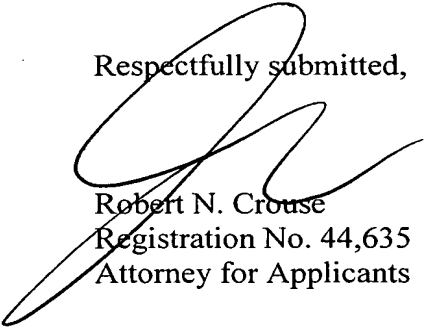
REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Official Action mailed January 25, 2005 (hereinafter the "Official Action"). Applicants also appreciate the allowance of Claim 18 and the further indication that Claims 3, 4, 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the objections thereto in the Official Action. *Official Action, page 3*. In response, Applicants have:

1. Rewritten rejected Claim 1 to include recitations of allowable Claim 3;
2. Rewritten rejected Claim 7 to include recitations of allowable Claim 15;
3. Rewritten objected to Claim 16 in independent form;
4. Canceled claims 3 and 15; and
5. Canceled rejected Claims 19-20.

In view of the above, all rejected claims have either been canceled, amended to include allowable subject matter, or to depend from an allowable claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment as no new issues have been raised and, moreover, the amendments place all claims in condition indicated as allowable in the Final Official Action. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the allowance of all claims in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite allowance of the present application.

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